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International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/193 of 22 December 1992 on the observance of World Day for Water, 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, to commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005, 59/228 of 22 December 2004, 61/192 of 20 December 2006, by which it proclaimed 2008 the International Year of Sanitation, 64/198 of 21 December 2009 on the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade, 65/154 of 20 December 2010, by which it proclaimed 2013 the International Year of Water Cooperation, and 67/204 of 21 December 2012 on the implementation of the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013,

Recalling also its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014 on the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012,

Recalling further its resolution 64/292 of 28 July 2010 on the human right to water and sanitation,

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Recalling Human Rights Council resolutions 15/9 of 30 September 2010[1] and 21/2 of 27 September 2012,[2]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, the annex to which includes agreed guidelines and criteria for the proclamation of international years, and General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

Recalling further the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[3] and all its principles, Agenda 21,[4] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[5] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development,[6] the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),[7] the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals[8] and the commitments made therein and the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[9]

Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[10] and determined to achieve the goal to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water, and the goals set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation as well as tc develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries,

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and that it is indispensable for human health and well-being and central to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and other relevant internationally agreed goals in the economic, social and environmental fields,

Acknowledging the importance of cooperation at all levels for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/65/53/Add.1), chap. II.

[2] Ibid., *Sixty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 53A* (A/67/53/Add.1), chap. III.

[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

[5] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[6] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[7] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[8] Resolution 65/1.

[9] Resolution 66/288, annex.

[10] Resolution 55/2.

Noting national, regional and international efforts to implement the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013, and the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and numerous recommendations from international and regional water and water-related events, with a view to taking concrete action to accelerate progress at all levels towards achieving the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,

Noting also the holding of the sixth World Water Forum in Marseille, France, from 12 to 17 March 2012, and noting that the seventh World Water Forum will be held in Daegu and Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, from 12 to 17 April 2015,

Noting further the publication of the World Water Development Report, a joint project of United Nations agencies and entities,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[11]

2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the activities related to fresh water undertaken by Member States, the Secretariat and organizations of the United Nations system, inter alia, through inter-agency work, as well as contributions from major groups, for the observance of the International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013, and the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015;

3. *Encourages* Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system through their coordination mechanism, and major groups to continue their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21,[5] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[6] the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)[7] and the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[1]

4. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system to deliver a coordinated response, utilizing existing resources and voluntary funds, to make "Water for Life" a decade for action;

5. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to convene a high-level interactive dialogue during the sixty-ninth session of the Assembly in New York on 23 and 24 March 2015, following World Water Day, for a comprehensive review of progress achieved in the implementation of the Decade, including the best practices and lessons learned during the Decade;

6. *Stresses* the importance of the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including women, children, older persons, persons with disabilities, indigenous people and local communities, as well as the importance of country-level preparations, as a critical input to the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade at all levels;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a background note for the high-level interactive dialogue on the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade;

[11] A/65/297 and A/69/326.

8. *Invites* UN-Water, the relevant bodies, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and the regional commissions to actively engage in the preparations for the high-level interactive dialogue on the comprehensive review of the implementation of the Decade;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.